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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows: In claim 4, delete "according to claim 3" and substitute – according to claim 1 --.

In claim 17, delete "according to claim 16" and substitute – according to claim 14
--. and

In claim 30, delete "according to claim 29" and substitute – according to claim 28

In claim 4, delete "according to claim 3" and substitute - according to claim 1 --.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to teach a hosting service resources that are allocated to clients based on the determined utilization patterns of the clients, the bounds specifying minimum and maximum hosting service resources for each client and the modeling dimensions for the client user measures and said utilization pattern.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frantz B. Jean whose telephone number is 571-272-3937. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-6:00 M-f.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung can be reached on 571 272 3939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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